

1. Welcome

a. roll call, apologies, conflicts of interest, confidentiality

Present:

Tim Burrow (TB)	Chairman
Bill Davis (BD)	Vice-Chairman
Derek Lamb (DL)	Treasurer
John Waite (JW)	
Cath Spence (CS)	
Rob Grimwood (RG)	
Eddie McCallum (EM)	
Rob Hughes (RH)	CEO

The Chairman welcomed Cath Spence to Council.

2. Agenda approval, additional items

a. none

3. Approval of previous minutes (25 April and post-AGM)

a. Matters arising - none

25 April DL, JW – all in favour. Unanimous, CS abstains

Post-AGM, RG, CS, all in favour

4. Action list

See list for details

585 – Are we able to demonstrate the efficacy and strength of our inspector network? Provide a report on the courses, audits, findings, quality management and other measurable statistics.

Survey schools and instructors to find how many are using Rotax engines beyond TBO.

590 – Flexwing instructor bursaries will be decided at the next meeting as it forms part of the budget for 2022/23. There may be more awards but at a lower value, i.e. 5x£1000 instead of the current 3x£2000.

RH to investigate returning to in-house voting for Council elections and AGM proposals. The current provider (CIVICA) invoices £1400+VAT.

RH provided a pie chart of the make-up of both income and expenditure; he was asked to create a similar pie chart from 2011 data to compare and identify any change in activity levels.

5. BMAA posts 2022/23

See updated list for details.

CS will assume the Wings scheme.

CS will write an article for Microlight Flying on flying with disabilities.

6. Reports:

Reports were discussed.

7. Staff member recruitment – *Rob Hughes*

a. Kelly Thacker

Kelly will start her new position of Business Manager on 01 July.

b. New Administrator

Interviews have been conducted and the preferred candidate has provisionally accepted the role.

8. Future regulatory framework – *Rob Hughes*

RH had discussed this topic with LAA CEO Steve Slater a few days earlier and both had concluded that the current regulatory framework is the most suitable, though interaction with CAA could be improved.

9. Activities

a. New Horizons – John Waite

The Rugby build was progressing well and RH planned a visit in the near future.

The Benenden project G-WDUS was very near to completion and would be handed back to BMAA in July. RH to arrange its sale.

The project terms and conditions need revision to ensure correct checks and supervision of the build as well as the obligations on the part of the project manager.

b. Wings – Cath Spence

Wings has been successfully re-launched and activity levels are high. CS has organised Q&A sessions and is planning club nights and presentations, a new NATS seminar and further expansion of online learning.

c. Publications – Derek Lamb

No significant issues to report.

d. Competitions / Open Series – Tim Burrow

Competitions had been held in three locations. GBR will be represented at the upcoming World Microlight Championships in CZE.

e. Flexwing Instructor Bursary – Rob Hughes

Seven candidates had already applied for the bursary. It was agreed to postpone decisions until the next council meeting when a budget item could be included and

therefore the number and level of awards could be agreed. Candidates could sit the pre-assessment course if they wished; if taken with RG, this course would be valid for any potential bursary in the future. RH will write to candidates to explain the situation.

10. Any other business

a. Expenses – Bill Davis

BD asked for greater clarity regarding reimbursement of flying costs when flying by microlight to BMAA events. The current policy of reimbursing the actual cost of fuel used was confirmed.

b. Membership demographics – Bill Davis

BD asked what BMAA was doing to encourage youths to participate in aviation. Amanda Lord had provided a response and BD was satisfied that BMAA was very active in the area.

c. Membership request – Tim Burrow

A membership application was considered and then rejected. TB agreed to respond to the applicant.

11. Date & time of next meetings

22 August (Deddington)

7 November (Zoom)

16 January 2023 (Zoom)

27 March 2023 (Deddington)

Possible pre-AGM in late April (Zoom)

Council Airwaves rota:

July - DL

September - EM

November - JW

January - CS

March - BD

May – RG

R Hughes, 4 July 2022